California Sup. D. 358
E. D. Balle
San Francisco Feb 28, 54

Act of receipt of letter of office containing a deed of former agents which will be immediately placed under preliminary examination.

Calls attention to a clap ofGR! creditors in this State who furnished supplies to the former agents under contract.

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Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter containing the accounts of the former Indian Agents in this State. The latter will be immediately placed under preliminary examination of the Clerk authorized by the Department to act in their examination.

There is a class of Government Creditors in this State to which I desire to call your attention— it is those who furnished the contracts for supplies to the former Agents, and for which they received drafts on the Department which were protested, and in consequence they have from that time to the present suffered great loss. Some of them almost ruin. However unauthorised the Agents may have been in drawing those drafts, I think the contractors who, of course, believed them to be acting under authority, should not be held accountable, or allowed to suffer loss, so I therefor earnestly recommend that some action be taken by the Department, in this matter.

Very Respectfully,

E. B. Beale

[Signature]

Hon. G. M. Mann,"